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PROGRESSIVES: STILL SIDIN' WITH BIDEN?

Excellent letter by Joshua Welch ("Dancing With the Devil," EW, 1/28)! One additional crusade orchestrated by Sen. Joe Biden needs to be mentioned.

Let's not forget that the USAPA-TRIOT Act was based on the Omnibus Counterterrorism Act of 1995, introduced and sponsored in the Senate by Biden. As president, this right-wing Democrat will be combatting "domestic terrorism" as one of his top priorities.

Enhanced federal legislation aimed at "we the people" is once again on the way. More than a dozen state legislatures have already introduced anti-protest bills to criminalize participation in "disruptive" protests.

Meaningful protests are by definition "disruptive." If we're unable to create a clear and present danger to the leaders of our corrupt system, what's the purpose? Read the Declaration of Independence for guidance.

Robert Simms
Eugene

LET'S BAN STYROFOAM

Styrofoam sucks.

You know it. I know it. Your mom knows it. We use it or have used it. We can feel that it is alien and wrong. Have you ever put it in the microwave? Yow! Yet we still have it knowing there is something very wrong about it, something very evil. Part of it is that it's plastic filled with toxic gas. That's — really — weird. It's so cheap and flimsy too. You have to hold it just right to keep it from breaking.

Yet we put hot liquids and food in it? There are alternatives that work better, look better, biodegrade better and aren't poisonous.

Yet we still have polystyrene (Styrofoam) food containers. Yep, we eat off them. WTF? Why would we do that? Why would we even let this toxin into our community?

Well, we have an opportunity right now to rid our entire county of this toxic material. Eugene and Florence have already done it. Portland did it over 30 years ago. Our Lane County commissioners are currently discussing a ban on polystyrene foodware. Let them know: Duh! Get rid of the evil crap.

End note: Block Styrofoam packag-

ing sucks, too, but, for now, you can take it to St. Vincent de Paul.

Jim Flynn
Springfield

FOLLOW SCIENCE ON THE PANDEMIC

I commend Gov. Kate Brown's early decisions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, including restricting businesses which cannot accommodate safe distancing, such as bars, restaurants and gyms. A segment of Oregon's population refuses to comply, some now openly flouting precautions. Initially, Brown held fast, but now seems to be weakening.

With recently discovered variants increasing ease of transmission, it's especially vital to follow the proven protocols to curtail the spread of this virus.

I disagree with Brown's recent decision to allow schools to reopen, choosing to vaccinate teachers and other staff before seniors. It's possible students could carry the virus home to their parents.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, reminds us, "We don't know whether a vaccine stops transmissibility."

It's also imperative to protect those incarcerated in Oregon's prisons, as they, like seniors in nursing homes, have no reliable way to distance themselves from one another. The 39th Oregon inmate death due to COVID was reported Jan. 26. To deny them the vaccine is to commit an egregious human rights violation.

Our governor needs to re-examine priorities and adhere to science.

Sherry Franzen
McKenzie Bridge

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Glenn Jones
Eugene

STAND AGAINST FOSSIL FUELS

The science is abundantly clear: natural gas never has been a “clean bridge fuel.” Anyone who thinks so is paying more attention to the industry’s well-funded PR campaign and not to the

documented safety, health and climate dangers of fracking, flaring, distributing and burning the stuff.

Clean alternatives already exist. The industry’s in a downward spiral. Banks and lawmakers everywhere realize our economic opportunities lie in clean renewable energy, electrifying everything, protecting watersheds and our landscapes. Cities across the country are phasing out fossil gas in new buildings, and certainly not starting new projects that must be maintained for decades.

Clinging to old myths that gas helps us transition off coal and oil is a thoughtless cop-out. “Renewable gas” is a farce. Real leaders look at the facts and make the difficult choices to be part of a speedy and just transition off dirty fossil energy. When city councilors in Eugene negotiate their Northwest Natural Gas franchise agreement, it’s a once in a generation opportunity to stand up to the disinformation of the fossil fuel industry and stand up for the future they assert they care about. What’s the sta-

tus of the negotiation anyway? It keeps disappearing from meeting agendas.

Patty Hine
Eugene

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Criminalized In a Pandemic

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EUGENE ADJUSTS HOMELESS RESPONSE,
BUT ADVOCATES ARE ASKING FOR BETTER SOLUTIONS

By Taylor Perse

In a global pandemic and during a rainy winter, unhoused people don't have many options for places to go. The continual clearing out of camps and ticketing by the city of Eugene hasn't helped, either.

After months of criticism about the ways Eugene addressed homelessness during COVID-19, the city restructured its policies to allow some urban camping. But a growing coalition of advocates say it isn't enough. They instead call for wider and more drastic reform for the age-old story — to stop criminalizing the homeless.

The camping rules were most recently adjusted in December 2020, according to the city, which sent out a press release in late January detailing where people were not allowed to camp. Individuals are not allowed to camp in wetlands, some natural areas and the city's stormwater facilities. Campers are also not allowed to stay within 50 feet of private property and within 300 feet of playgrounds, park shelters and the city of Eugene transitional housing locations.

But the coalition of activists, including Stop Death on the Streets, Stop the Sweeps Eugene, Community Alliance of Lane County and several other groups, are urging the city to stop all sweeps and provide basic sanitation services to all camps, including dumpsters and restrooms, while clearly defining places people are allowed to camp.

Nate Mitchell is an activist and mutual aid volunteer. He says he was unhoused in Eugene in the 1990s, leading him to help those struggling with homelessness today. In a call to *Eugene Weekly*, Mitchell says he is helping a 70-year-old woman move from her former residence in a tent at the Trainsong Community Camp to a spot miles down West 11th.

"The campers are currently being evicted by EPD on behalf of the railroad company," Mitchell explains. The camp is located between Roosevelt Boulevard and Bethel Drive.

Mitchell says the woman, who goes by Gigi, became unhoused in Eugene after she couldn't keep up with her bills. When Eugene police came to clear the camp, they saw Gigi by the tracks as she was trying to find her cat, Mitchell says. They fined her \$790 for being too close to the tracks. Mitchell helped Gigi load up her stuff in a truck, helping her move to the new site, near several other campers and a portable toilet.

"This is where I was sent," Mitchell says of where he took Gigi, adding that it's far away from the social services and amenities that were near the Trainsong camp. "The nearest laundromat is at Fred Meyer. I'm guessing that's about three miles away."

Mitchell says he acknowledges and appreciates that the city

has changed some of its rules around camping, but he emphasizes that the city can and should be doing more based on the resources it has. For example, he says, the Lane County fairgrounds were used for Holiday Farm Fire victims and for the unhoused during the smoke, and the city has access to emergency funding because of COVID-19.

And while Eugene continues to sweep camps, people are forced to leave their COVID pods, rather than stay together.

"It really feels like lip service," Mitchell says. "They say one thing and do the opposite. It's the Eugene model that I've seen so far."

Eugene Public Affairs Manager Brian Richardson says in an email that the city has been working with Lane County throughout the pandemic and says the decision to adjust the enforcement process and camping rules is to "align with recommendations from the CDC, Oregon Health Authority and Lane County Public Health."

"We've continued to adapt to the dynamic situation," Richardson says. He cites the newly established camping microsites, additional rest stops and overnight car camping sites as places for unhoused people to go.

"There are locations in the city's parks, natural areas and rights of way that are not acceptable for camping at any scale."

For sanitization, Richardson says they continue to provide restrooms and hand washing stations throughout the city. He points to a map on the city's website that maps out where these stations are.

"By providing these criteria, our hope is that people camping will be in compliance and shelter in place," he says, adding later that the city will continue to refine its system and processes.

Camps are still subject to being cleared. Mitchell says there is one located on 5th Avenue that received a complaint, Mitchell says, but they haven't received the city's 24-hour notice to leave.

And if unhoused people wind up in jail, they face more dangers. Outspoken homeless advocate Eric Jackson was recently scheduled to finish serving a sentence at the Springfield Jail for a trespass offense from 2019. In emails both to Gov. Kate Brown and local city leaders, Jackson, who is unhoused, is asking to have his seven-day sentence waived, citing severe health concerns if he were to get COVID-19.

Other advocates, including the Civil Liberties Defense Center, have spoken out after hearing of Jackson's jail sentence, asking that it be waived. His request has yet to be granted.

"They can step up, they can be better," Mitchell says of the local response to the plight of the homeless. "People need a place to shelter in place, even unhoused people." ■



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HOME SHARE OREGON WANTS YOU TO RENT YOUR SPARE ROOM TO EASE THE HOUSING CRISIS

By Henry Houston

If you have a spare bedroom, you could be part of the solution to Oregon's housing crisis.

Home Share Oregon brings homeowners with empty rooms together with potential renters. The program uses an online matchmaking platform to let homeowners and renters vet each other to fill empty bedrooms.

The program and its supporters say it's a way to chip away at the low supply of housing in the state.

Started in 2019 and associated with the Portland-based Oregon Harbor of Hope, Home Share has the backing of the Oregon Legislature, which created a pilot property tax abatement incentive for homeowners during the 2019 legislative session — but only if county governments approve.

So far, no county governments have signed up for the pilot program, though the program is lobbying officials in counties such as Lane because supporters say it could increase homeowner participation and not affect tax revenue.

Home Share Program Manager Tess Fields tells *Eugene Weekly* that the program serves the housing insecure in Oregon, such as students, people who work minimum wage and those who are 55 and older who may own a home but are either trying to retire early or just pay their mortgage with the rental income. "It's a way to marry two populations of people to get both of their needs met," she adds.

Home Share uses the online platform Silvernest for matchmaking homeowners and renters. The matchmaking website is similar to Airbnb or Match.com. Fields says the website brings together homeowners and renters with similar interests or living styles, such as vegans who want a meat-free home, or non-smokers or people focused on cleanliness.

Participants can also do background checks through the website. And if rent is paid online, Fields says an insurance policy is included — \$100,000 for homeowners and \$10,000 for renters. Home Share pays for Silvernest,

so it is available to Home Share users for free.

About 148 people throughout the state have signed up on the website, Fields says, and Lane County is the most active county in the state on the program with 38 total, 15 of them homeowners. Users are also signing up for the program throughout southern Oregon and in Deschutes County.

White Bird Clinic's operations coordinator Heather Sielicki says she first heard of Home Share at a neighborhood meeting. Although White Bird has promoted the program on social media and on its website, Sielicki says the social services nonprofit hasn't used it for clients to avoid creating an overwhelming demand from renters on Home Share.

Sielicki says the program could be beneficial for the growing population of older people who could be at risk of losing their homes in Lane County. And the program could help those older people who she says have expressed their intent to age in the homes they've lived in for so many years. "They don't want to live in a [nursing] home," she says. "If you could help people to make them age in their homes — it'll make people happier."

Home Share has pre-written leases that allow chores to be done in exchange for reduced rent, Fields says, and that helps attract the program to older homeowners who may need a hand around the house.

Fields says she recently spoke with someone whose mother, in her 70s, lives alone in Roseburg. "They don't want to sell the property; she doesn't want to go into assisted living," she says. "He's just trying to find someone that needs a place to live who would be open to mowing the grass, making sure the trash is taken out and just making sure if his mom falls there's someone in the house with her. He'd be willing to take reduced rent."

During the 2019 legislative session, Oregon lawmakers approved Senate Bill 1045, permitting county governments to allow up to 500 participating homeowners statewide to pay less in property taxes and letting counties to individually cap participating homes. The law allows a city or county to adopt property tax exemption to not exceed \$300,000 of assessed value. Unless extended by the Legislature, the law sunsets Jan. 31, 2027, and ends Jan. 2, 2029. The bill passed the Senate unanimously, but in the House, Eugene and Springfield representatives voted against it except Rep. Marty Wilde, who was a sponsor of the bill.

Although no counties are taking advantage of the subsidy, Home Share is talking with officials at Coos, Multnomah, Deschutes and Lane counties. Fields says with new commissioners on boards throughout the state, she'll continue to talk with county officials about the benefits of the program.

Sielicki says she talked with Lane County commission-

ers Joe Berney, Heather Buch and Pat Farr, and they were interested in the Home Share tax subsidy. "Honestly, what I think it'll take to get popular in Lane County is the tax abatement program," Sielicki adds.

In January 2020, Lane County spokesperson Devon Ashbridge told *EW* that the county did not have plans to adopt the property tax abatement. Home Share was briefly discussed at an Oct. 14 joint work session of the Eugene City Council and Lane County Board of County Commissioners. Current board Chair Berney said the program could be a way of creating a systems approach to housing.

At that meeting, Sarai Johnson, city and county housing and homelessness strategist, said she was excited about Home Share. But in December 2020, Johnson told *EW* she couldn't comment on the program because the city and county have not taken an official stance on endorsing it.

Berney tells *EW* he first heard of the program from Sielicki. He says it's a way to chip away at the housing shortage in the county. "While not dealing with the structural imbalance in our housing market, it is a prudent common sense approach to connect individuals who need to rent a room with those who may want to rent with those who may want to rent a room in their house for whatever the reason," Berney says, "be it needed income, company during an relatively isolated time, or just because they want to help in a way that makes sense to them and their lives."

When he spoke with the county tax assessor, Berney says the tax assessor told him that his job is to generate income for the county, so he wasn't initially enthused with the idea given potential property tax revenue implications. But he would be open to exploring it.

"I personally think this program should be followed up on and made available," Berney says, "and I don't think the number of people participating in Home Share just for property tax benefit would make that much of a difference."

Although many counties in Oregon may be concerned about property tax revenue during an economic recession, Fields says that because of the property tax cap, counties would experience minimal costs in offering homeowners a subsidy that "disrupts the housing market."

Home Share is also about chipping away at American culture's dismissal of intergenerational living to offer more affordable housing while also tapping into an unused housing supply, Fields says.

"Affordable housing is difficult to access in many parts of the country. It's difficult to access here in Oregon," she says. "This is really about using the inventory that already exists in terms of development and housing and putting that in a situation that's helping to solve the housing crisis." ■

For more information, visit HomeShareOregon.org.

slant

• **Three political professionals with strong Eugene ties have been**

hired by Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler. The two latest additions lead us to wonder about Wheeler's political ambitions. First there is Jim Middaugh, who went to the University of Oregon, worked for Congressman Peter DeFazio and later worked for 11 years with Portland Metro before joining Wheeler's staff. More recently Wheeler hired Sam Adams, who went to South Eugene High School and spent some time at the UO before migrating to Portland, where he eventually was elected mayor. He later left the city after a controversy over lying about his relationship with an 18-year old man. Now he's back working for another mayor. Mayor Ted also has hired Bobby Lee, who went to the UO, served on the Eugene City Council and eventually headed north. So we're wondering: Is Wheeler thinking about the Oregon governorship opening up in 2022?


• **Hey astrology nerds, heads-up. Mercury retrograde started Jan. 30 and runs through about Feb. 20,** according to the *Farmers Almanac*. Not to be a buzzkill but Mercury was retrograde when COVID-19 hit Oregon last year.

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• **Our local hardware clerk tells us the demand for rat traps is huge right now.** In other words, rats are on the rise in the river cities — likely because they are roaming to search for food because the restaurants that are usually their meal source either shut down or are running reduced take-out operations. Check the overflow from your bird feeders, don't leave pet food outside and remember that if you have chickens, you probably have rats. Try traps or bring in professionals to deal with these wily intruders.


• Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek and Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney invited the public to participate in this legislative session in a long op-ed in the *Sunday Oregonian*. They said **Oregonians will be able to testify at every public hearing remotely "without having to worry about taking a day off work and driving to Salem."** Silver-COVID lining? Visit OregonLegislature.gov to find out more.




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Salmon in the Smoke

Recent forest fires emphasize the danger the
McKenzie River's wild Chinook salmon are in

BY TAYLOR GRIGGS

Before Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees at the Leaburg Hatchery, about three miles west of Vida, could evacuate from the Holiday Farm Fire that was spreading down the McKenzie River corridor in September, they had a big choice to make. Would they prematurely release the fish housed at the hatchery into the McKenzie River, or let them die?

In the early morning hours of Sept. 8, as the sky glowed red from the raging fire that was still getting bigger and more destructive, ODFW ended up releasing about 1.2 million Chinook salmon, small steelhead and rainbow trout fry into the McKenzie River. To ODFW, it was better than seeing them all die in the hatchery.

Then the employees joined members of the McKenzie River communities in evacuating from the fire, which burned down hundreds of structures and homes across the McKenzie River valley.

The reason Leaburg Hatchery was in such a tough position was not due to the risks of the flames alone. The Eugene Water and Electric Board, which operates hydroelectric dams on the McKenzie, had to open the Leaburg Dam gates in order to prevent the dam from getting clogged up with fire debris. This would cut off the hatchery's water supply, killing the fish.

But wild fish conservationists, already wary of hatcheries, worried

about the impact of releasing so many hatchery fish into the McKenzie at once. In particular, the McKenzie's spring Chinook salmon run has been dwindling over the last half century due to overfishing, habitat loss and dam construction, and many conservationists think that hatcheries are contributing to their downfall.

There have been legal battles over wild fish protection over the past two decades. Wild fish advocacy groups from all over the Willamette Basin have filed dozens of lawsuits against ODFW and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), asking them to provide more protections for the threatened wild fish species and comply with Endangered Species Act regulations that they say haven't been sufficiently implemented.

Wild Chinook salmon are a keystone species in the Pacific Northwest, serving as an important part of the ecosystem. There's no question that the Chinook population in the Willamette Basin are suffering along with environmental degradation across the region. But the jury's still out on what to do about it and how to keep everyone's interests in mind.

With climate change creating other problems on the McKenzie corridor that will impact both animals and humans, more people will be thinking about the right ways to protect our threatened species and deal with these natural disasters while ensuring that communities along the river can rebuild.

The Plight of wild Chinook

In 2018, an orca mother off the Pacific Northwest coast captured the nation's attention and sympathy when she carried her dead calf with her for more than two weeks after the newborn died.

The remarkable display of grief in a non-human animal was touching, but to researchers it also represented a possible future for the critically endangered species, whose health may be impacted by declining Chinook populations.

The Pacific Northwest's diverse ecosystem is predicated on a lot of moving parts working correctly. If wild Chinook salmon are doing well, the entire ecosystem will be happy. And if the salmon suffer, so will everything else.

Southern resident orcas that live off the coast in northern California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia are one species that rely heavily on wild Chinook salmon. According to a 2019 University of Washington and NOAA study, killer whales "prefer to eat only the biggest, juiciest Chinook salmon they can find." But as wild Chinook populations are dwindling, they're also getting smaller.

"So many things depend on wild salmon," Bruce Anderson, a retired environmental lawyer and a member of the McKenzie Fly Fishers, a local fly fishing and conservation group, says. "Their carcasses fertilize the river, making it healthy and providing food for other fish. Bears will catch them and eat them. The ecological system is dependent on them."

Data suggests that the wild adult spring Chinook salmon population in the McKenzie River has decreased dramatically since the 1950s. A 2015 article written by members of the McKenzie Fly Fishers and published in the conservation journal *The Osprey* says that 46,000 adult spring Chinook salmon returned to the McKenzie in 1941, before dams were constructed in the river. The estimated return from 1990-2005 was an average of 2,104 annually.

Overharvesting wild salmon is one reason that their population is dwindling, as is climate change that heats rivers that salmon need to run cold. But dams — which block fish passage, infringe upon habitats, heat river water and create unnatural flows — have been seen as the main public enemy to Chinook populations, as well as other endangered or threatened species like steelhead trout. And the future of hatcheries, built in response to the damage dams were doing, is even more controversial.

Damn the hatcheries?

When major dams were built in the U.S. around the turn of the 20th century to curb flooding and provide water and electricity, a problem started to emerge — migrating fish couldn't get around them. Even before hydropower dams were built in the Pacific Northwest, more rudimentary dams were getting in the way of fish passage across the region in the Columbia, Willamette and Deschutes River basins, among others.

The dams in the Willamette River Basin, including on the McKenzie, were built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the mid-20th century Willamette Valley Flood Control Project. This endeavor was one of many similar projects taking place across the country in response to a series of devastating floods and to promote economic recovery after the Great Depression.

Between the passing of the Flood Control Act in 1938 and 1969, the Corps built 13 dams in the Willamette River Basin. The impact these dams were having on wild fish populations was soon noticeable, limiting fishing and harvesting opportunities, so the Corps and ODFW stepped in with their solution: produce millions of smolts, or young fish, in hatcheries, and release them into the river for people to catch.

Fish hatcheries are a complex dilemma. They were created to make up for the damage that dams do to wild fish populations, blocking access to their habitats and migratory paths, creating unnatural flows and impacting water quality.

But wild fish conservationists, like Dave Thomas, former biology professor, longtime conservationist and member of the McKenzie Fly Fishers, don't think that hatchery fish production is the way to go.

He says wild fish have evolved over tens of thousands of



OREGON SPRING RUN CHINOOK SALMON

Photo by Conrad Gowell, Native Fish Society

years to survive in certain conditions, and hatchery-bred smolts don't have the same instinct for survival. When they breed with each other, it weakens the wild salmon's genetic fitness.

Thomas says that not enough has been done to separate wild and hatchery spring Chinook in the McKenzie River, which results in reduced fitness for the wild population.

"When the genes from the hatchery fish are introduced into the spawning grounds, this will become part of the gene pool, and the progeny of those matings are less likely to come back and survive," Thomas says. "It's very important to keep the genetics of native spawning stock and hatchery spawning stock separated."

Salmon are anadromous, meaning they live in both fresh and salt water. After Chinook salmon are spawned on the McKenzie, they will migrate downstream toward the Willamette River, heading for the Columbia River and then to the Pacific Ocean.

The spring run of Chinook on the McKenzie is unique because it's the strongest wild Chinook run remaining in the Willamette Basin. It's an early seasonal run that depends on being able to pass Willamette Falls, near Oregon City, when there is enough of a flow to allow them to get through on their way to the ocean.

So there's a lot a Chinook salmon needs to do to survive, and the McKenzie River's wild spring run has been training for it for thousands of years. Hatchery fish aren't as prepared for the elements.

Jeff Ziller, fish biologist for ODFW's South Willamette Watershed District, acknowledges the problems that have come from hatchery and wild chinook commingling. He says that since the hatchery projects were intended to mitigate dams' impact on the McKenzie River's angling legacy, ODFW would like to see all of the hatchery fish harvested so they aren't competing with wild fish for food.

"Unfortunately, anglers can't catch that many," Ziller says.

Ziller says that ODFW is working to make sure that hatchery fish can't go over Leaburg Dam by catching them in one of the sorting devices on the dam. ODFW and the McKenzie Fly Fishers both want to keep hatchery fish on the other side of Leaburg Dam so they can't mate with wild fish, but that plan isn't yet coming to fruition.

There are two fish ladders on Leaburg Dam, both of which were intended to be able to trap hatchery fish to keep them below the dam, as well as help wild fish travel over it, but only one trap is operational.

"Even if most of the fish prefer the ladder with the trap on it, if only a few hundred hatchery fish get over Leaburg Dam, that's still hundreds and hundreds of hatchery fish that can mate with wild salmon," Anderson says.

The mass exodus of hatchery fish from the Leaburg Hatchery during the Holiday Farm Fire just added fuel to the ongoing fiery debate about fish hatcheries on the McKenzie.

Anderson says that when ODFW released so many hatchery salmon at once, it made it all the more difficult

to prevent wild and hatchery salmon from commingling.

"We have a huge number of hatchery salmon ready to mate with wild salmon, many more than we would ever have under normal circumstances. That makes the problem really, really bad."

Dam removal efforts have taken place in other parts of the region with the hope of naturally restoring wild fish populations. The Klamath Dam removal project has been in the works for years, with Native American tribes along the Klamath River in southern Oregon and northern California pushing to remove the four hydroelectric dams on the river.

Conservationists haven't pushed for dam removal projects on the McKenzie River in part because the flooding risk to nearby urban and suburban areas would be too high.

That means other measures will need to be taken to ensure that wild Chinook are able to pass through the dams on the McKenzie.

Heated legal battle

In one of many lawsuits waged on behalf of the McKenzie River's wild spring Chinook, the McKenzie Fly Fishers, with the Steamboaters and the Western Environmental Law Center, filed a lawsuit against the Army Corps and ODFW in 2013 asking them to reduce the number of spring Chinook hatchery smolts in the McKenzie/Willamette River System, citing a violation of the federal Endangered Species Act.

The Army Corps settled the lawsuit in 2014, agreeing to reduce the number of hatchery Chinook smolts placed in the McKenzie River. But ODFW didn't settle, and in 2015, a federal judge accepted ODFW's right to release 605,000 smolts they were proposing — a decrease from previous output, but not the drastic change the fly fishers wanted.

ODFW is aware of the issues hatcheries can create, and has a Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan for the McKenzie's hatchery spring Chinook program that aims to keep the percentage of hatchery fish spawning upstream from Leaburg Dam at less than 10 percent. But this hasn't been successful so far.

"We're nowhere near that," Ziller says.

Ziller says ODFW is working to increase the number of wild spring Chinook salmon in the McKenzie, and that ODFW would prefer to manage restored wild salmon runs, but it doesn't seem likely that will happen in the near future.

Much of the legal battle currently fought is based on the Willamette River Biological Opinion Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives plan that was created in 2008 to indicate how the Corps could make improvements that would help Endangered Species Act-listed species in the Willamette Basin. The desired improvements include more fish passage at dams, improving downstream flows, temperature improvements, habitat restoration projects and, importantly, improving hatchery practices.

Tom Conning, Army Corps spokesperson, says by email that "little was known about the effects of the Corps' Willamette Valley Project dams on the ecology of



Photo by Taylor Griggs

salmon populations in the Willamette River Basin” when the Biological Opinion was issued in 2008. He says that it wasn’t apparent how feasible and cost-effective the Biological Opinion’s recommendations would be.

“I think where the Corps got dragged down is wanting too much certainty, they aren’t willing to take a risk,” Travis Williams, executive director of Willamette Riverkeeper, one of the plaintiffs in a 2007 lawsuit against the Corps that led to the creation of the Biological Opinion, says. “There was a growing impatience at the pace at which they were seeking to make changes in the system.”

In August 2020, a federal judge ruled that the Army Corps and the National Marine Fisheries Service failed to meet their obligation to take steps to protect upper Willamette wild spring Chinook and winter steelhead, based on another lawsuit filed against them in 2018.

The Corps is now obligated to present their plan for improving wild fish passage at Willamette River dams. A spokesperson from the Corps says that they cannot comment on ongoing litigation.

“The arguments about who is responsible for what can keep happening,” Thomas says. “But we’re marching ever closer to extinction.”

Fish hatchery economies

Even before the Holiday Farm Fire, pro-hatchery advocates have said the hatcheries on the McKenzie are necessary to keep local economies going. Along with the thousands of tourists that visit the hatcheries each year, these operations keep the river, a famous fishing destination, stocked with fish that people can harvest.

The Leaburg Hatchery has been through its share of budget problems, and has been at risk of closure on and off for several years now. State lawmakers have repeatedly considered removing funding for the hatchery after the corps decided to contract it out to private companies in 2015, and it was under real threat of closure in 2019.

Gov. Kate Brown included funding for Leaburg Hatchery in Oregon’s budget at the last minute, and it’s safe until at least the summer of 2021. But people who rely on fishing tourism for their livelihoods aren’t resting on their laurels yet.

And since the fires that devastated towns like Blue River and Vida, concern about local economies has worsened.

Sean Davis lives in McKenzie Bridge and thinks about all of the economic hardship the area has gone through in the last century. During the late 19th century, Blue River found success as a gold mining town until it ran out of gold around 1912. Then there was the logging economy,

which dried up in the 1990s to protect the spotted owl. If the hatcheries go down, too, especially after the fire that devastated the area, Davis says it’ll be hard for towns on the McKenzie River to make a comeback.

Davis was involved in the 2019 campaign to maintain funding for the hatchery when it was under threat of closure because the Army Corps announced they weren’t going to pay for it anymore. Eventually, the state agreed to fund it through 2021.

Randy Dersham is the secretary for the McKenzie River Guides, a member of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce and the creative director for the upcoming McKenzie River Discovery Center in Walterville.

Dersham says that, as a river guide, he has seen people build their livelihoods on hatchery fish in the McKenzie River.

“If we don’t have hatchery fish in the water, the only way to protect the fish is to not have anybody fish,” Dersham says. “That would seriously damage the economy.”

Davis also says he has an emotional attachment to fishing on the McKenzie River that he doesn’t want to see taken away.

“The first time I ever caught a fish was on the river,” Davis says. “Thirty years later, I took my daughter out and that was the first time she ever caught a fish.”

Thomas says that he understands why people like to catch and keep fish and are worried about doing away with hatcheries.

“People want to be able to fish, to kill them, to bring them home and eat them. I understand that, because that’s the way I grew up,” Thomas says. “But the idea that the hatcheries are a replacement for the natural fish has just been a dismal failure.”

The McKenzie River in the age of climate change

What happened at Leaburg Hatchery during the Holiday Farm Fire was a symptom of the larger issue of climate change, which is causing increasingly detrimental forest fires each year. Not only do these fires sometimes force millions of hatchery fish into the river prematurely, but they can also strip away the riverbanks and cause more harm to habitats.

One thing people have been concerned about is landslides. Post-fire debris-flows can happen when an area scorched by a wildfire is drenched with rainfall. These landslides are very dangerous, and can cause as much destruction as the fires themselves.

If a landslide made its way into the McKenzie River, it could block off fish access or destroy Chinook spawning grounds.

This is a fear that people will continue to have as forest fires worsen each year due to climate change. Without working to solve the big picture issue, little steps to help wild fish may not make much of a difference.

“If nothing changes, and we don’t do anything about the fire hazards, which means doing something about climate change, the idea that these fish would survive for the next 20 years would be surprising,” Thomas says. “How much are we willing to pay for the future? Right now, people don’t want to pay for the future.”

Williams of Willamette Riverkeeper says that groups like the Army Corps can continue to seek mitigation strategies for the harm inflicted on the environment, but in the long-term, people may have to deal with the economic loss. He says this is tantamount to taking any action on climate change that will cause people to make sacrifices.

“It’s unfortunate to cost jobs,” Williams says. “But the way we have done things in the world, we can always mitigate something. Hatcheries are exhibit A for why mitigation doesn’t work. We can’t destroy something, then create something else and act like it’s the same thing. We’re caught in a cycle, and we have to change.” ■



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Photo courtesy ODFW

what's happening



It's Not Me, It's You: Stories from the Dark Side of Dating 2021 — an annual fundraiser for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon — will be online this year. Jimmy Radosta, communications and marketing director with PPAO, helped produce the online event this year. Involved since 2010, Radosta has fond recollections of the event: “There's just real power in having a good laugh at bad memories. We've all been on bad dates. Everybody's got a story to share about a bad date that they went on.” It's Not Me, It's You features eight Oregon comedians, writers and storytellers to do just that, poke fun at awkward, potentially tragic and strange events that occur while on a date. Also, Radosta says, it's to “poke fun at some of the toxic positivity around Valentine's Day, and all the silly Hallmark stereotypes that go with it.” Kisha Jarrett, Moth GrandSLAM winner, hosts.

It's Not Me, It's You: Stories from the Dark Side of Dating is 6 pm Wed. Feb. 10. Streaming instructions will be shared with ticket-holders. Tickets are \$25 at tinyurl.com/LoveStinks21. — *Chandlor Henderson.*

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVISTS ALERT

Thursday, Feb. 4: Who's Watching the Cops?, 3-5pm. More info at CLDC.org.

ART EXHIBITS

"If Not Now, When?" (thru Feb. 12), Maude Kerns Art Center.

Erik Sandgren - “Observed, Imagined and Remembered: The Northwest Landscape” (thru Feb. 27), Karin Clarke Gallery.

Photography At Oregon presents Dan Neklen: Head-Strong - The Women of Rural Uganda (thru Feb 27), Emerald Art Ctr., 500 Main St, Springfield.

Focus Artist - Becki Hessedahl at River Gallery (thru Feb. 28), River Gallery, Independence.

Edward Pabor: Patagonia and Antarctica (thru March 2), PhotoZone Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

Exhibition: Highlights From the Gallery Collection (thru March 6), White Lotus Gallery.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu.

GATHERINGS

Free Tax Help (thru April 11). Appointments required. Call 541-954-7941 or email LaneTaxHelp@gmail.com.

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown

library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

HEALTH

Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios.com.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

All levels of yoga (chair, advanced, yoga for health care workers and children) at Vista Wellness Center. Visit VistaPsych.com for more info.

LECTURES/CLASSES

The Gutenberg Dialogues: An In-depth look at Tyranny (every Wednesday thru May 19, 6:30-8pm. More info at Gutenberg.edu. \$32-63.

MUSIC

Oregon Mozart Players Candlelight Concert online (thru March 1). More info at OregonMozartPlayers.org. \$5.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing Through Discussion Group w/ Trauma Healing Group, 9:30-11am. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Jillian Mayer: “Time To Chill,” 4pm. More info at ArtDesign.UOregon.edu.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education – Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org. \$100.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

RECREATION

Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez, 6-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on site's Facebook page).

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave.

THEATER

Teatro Milagro presents *Blast Off! w/ Majestic Theatre* in Corvallis (Feb. 6 thru Feb. 13). Link at arts-people.com. \$5 - \$20.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5

ART/CRAFT

Virtual Artist Talk w/ Erik Sandgren, 11am. More info at KarinClarkeGallery.com.

New Zone Art Gallery First Friday Artwork, 5:30pm, New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

FOOD/DRINK

Winter Club Release Weekend (thru Feb. 6), noon-6pm, Noble Estate Urban, 560 Commercial St.

GATHERINGS

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com for location), serves at 4pm at Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. next to fountains.

City Club of Eugene: "Missing Middle Housing: What Is It? Why Do We Need It? How Do We Get It?," noon, Eugene City Club Facebook Page. Airst again at 7pm Monday, Feb. 8, on KLCC, 89.7 FM

MindFreedom Oregon: Zoom to Human Rights & Mental Health!, 2-3pm. Email Mf-oregon@aciui.info for information.

"So You Want To Run For Office" panel (sponsored by Democratic Party of Lane County), 6pm, link at big.ly/delpcpanel.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Foundations of NeuroMeditation: Instructor Training, 9am-1:30pm. More info at NeuroMeditationInstitute.com. \$495.

Expression Through Art w/ The Trauma Healing Project, 4-5pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

MARKETS

The Emporium, Veneta (in Elmira) a Pop-Up Shop, noon-6pm, Elmira Grange, 88764 Sprague Rd.

MUSIC

Friday Night Folk Music Live Stream, 7pm. More info at

Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Festival Facebook page.

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7pm. Zoom only at BlueCliffZen.org.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market Winter Market, 10am-2pm, Park Blocks, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Land Platting Ownership w/ Oregon Genealogical Society, 10am-noon. More info at Oregongs.org. \$10.

LITERARY ARTS

Adult Book Group w/ Eugene Public Library: *This Is My America*, 2pm. Preregistration required to receive link. Call 541-682-5450.

MARKETS

The Emporium, Veneta (in Elmira) a Pop-Up Shop, noon-6pm, Elmira Grange, 88764 Sprague Rd.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Seedling Sale!, 8-11am, Alton Baker Park, 100 Day Island Rd.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

RECREATION

Brewers Guild Bingo, 3-6pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on site's Facebook page).

MARKETS

The Emporium, Veneta (in Elmira) a Pop-Up Shop, noon-6pm, Elmira Grange, 88764 Sprague Rd.

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene-Insight.com.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8

HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

GATHERINGS

Friends of the Library Book Bundle Sale, starting at 9am, LibraryFriends-Market.com. More info at eugene-or.gov/library or at 541-682-5450.

KIDS/FAMILY

Activity Kits for Kids: Heart-theme balance toys, all Eugene Public Library locations while supplies last.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education – Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org. \$100.

SING in the New Year!, 5:30-6:15pm. More info at EmmaRoselynn.com.

The Joy of Acceptance, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9

KIDS/FAMILY

Family Storytime online w/ Eugene Public Library, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Gentle Restorative Yoga w/ The Trauma Healing Project via Zoom, 10-11am. FREE-\$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education – Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org. \$100.

Open Heart NeuroMeditation: 6 Week Course, 4-6pm. More info at NeuroMeditationInstitute.com. \$175.

Lamrim Practice, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

LITERARY ARTS

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. More info at TransPonder.Community.

RECREATION

Karaoke w/ Caught In The Act Entertainment, 6-10pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on site's Facebook page).

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Nia Moving to Heal w/ The Trauma Healing Project via Zoom, 3-4pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education – Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org. \$100.

Gender Diverse Yoga w/ The Trauma Healing Project via Zoom, 5:30-6:30pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

SING in the New Year!, 5:30-6:15pm. More info at EmmaRoselynn.com.

Love and Attachment are Different, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

ON THE AIR

"Come Together Oregon," 6pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM

MUSIC

Live music - Acoustic, 5-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage

Grove (weather permitting; more info on site's Facebook page).

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Center, 352 W. 12th Ave.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NamiLane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing Through Discussion Group w/ Trauma Healing Group, 9:30-11am. More info at HealingAttention.org. FREE-\$15.

Laura Fritz: “Mechanisms of Uncertainty,” 4pm. More info at ArtDesign.Uoregon.edu.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education – Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, 4-5:15pm. More info at PlannedParenthood.org. \$100.

MARKETS

Love Science Sale w/ the Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 10am-4pm. More info at MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

RECREATION

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ATTENTION

“Dear Stranger,” a letter-exchange project from Oregon Humanities, offers a chance for connection during COVID-19 by inviting Oregonians to write letters with someone they've never met. The aim of Dear Stranger is to create shared understanding among Oregonians with different backgrounds, experiences and beliefs. The premise is simple: Write a letter, get a letter and make a new connection. Oregon Humanities has operated Dear Stranger since 2014. This winter's prompt for writers is about food: “How has your relationship with food — what you eat and how you get it — changed over the past year? What is a favorite meal of yours, and when is your first memory of that meal?” Prompts for writing and instructions for participation are available at OregonHumanities.org. Letters are swapped anonymously, and each person receives a letter from the person who received the one they wrote. What happens next is up to the writers. If they'd like to write back, they can do so through Oregon Humanities. Letters should be addressed to Oregon Humanities, Attn: Dear Stranger, 921 SW Washington St., Suite 150, Portland, Oregon, 97205. Oregon Humanities will exchange letters mailed by Feb. 28, 2021.



'SEA PERCH HUNTERS'

Observed and Remembered

ERIK SANDGREN LANDSCAPES AT KARIN CLARKE GALLERY

By Emily Topping

Last summer, artist Erik Sandgren stood at a vantage point on Crater Lake, overlooking Umpqua National Forest as swaths of old growth trees, fields and familiar hiking trails went up in flames. He'd spent the last week on a painting trip with his wife, painter Kathryn Cotnoir, along the Umpqua River, capturing his native Oregon landscape in sketches and acrylics. Now he watched as many of the sacred scenes he'd painted were reduced to char.

Throughout his more than 50-year career, Sandgren has strived to encapsulate the symbiotic relationship between humanity and nature. His current exhibit at the Karin Clarke Gallery — *Observed, Imagined and Remembered: the Northwest Landscape*, a collection of acrylic paintings and woodcut prints — brings to life a mystical vision of of the Northwest, one in which humanity is less at odds with nature than a part of it.

In "Sea Perch Hunters," a group of loose, dream-like figures peer into the water from a scarlet outcrop of rock holding fishing poles. In "N. Umpqua," a sheer rock cliff, surrounded by forests, is punctuated by a string of telephone wires. Sandgren's pieces juxtapose the ancient power of the natural world with the decades-long history of industrialization that threatens it.

"When we think about the spirit of the landscape, I think there's something to be garnered from the old stories, and remembering our place there," Sandgren says. He looks to the history of Indigenous peoples in the Northwest, and how a reverence for the outdoors can be passed generationally. "It's a relationship that we have to keep renewing, and it's that renewal that many of us are missing now."

A reverence for nature, as well as art, runs in Sandgren's blood. His father, the late Nelson Sandgren, was an influential painter and professor at Oregon State University. Sandgren spent his childhood on trips with

his dad, packing with them a tin of watercolors where other fathers and sons might have brought a fishing pole.

"I went painting with my father the way some kids went hunting," Sandgren says. "I picked it up pretty quickly, and also learned quickly not to spill the paints everywhere."

The father and son duo continued to work together throughout their respective art careers. In 1989, Sandgren was living in Wye Mills, Maryland with his wife and young daughter Kate, when his father called him home to collaborate on a 4,600-square-foot mural of Oregon landscapes at the Eugene Airport.

Returning to the Pacific Northwest that summer, Sandgren was reminded of the beauty of his home state. He soon accepted a position as the head and sole professor of a one-man art department — or as he jokingly refers to it, a "compartment" — at Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen, Washington.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Sandgren says. Aberdeen, best known as the birthplace of Kurt Cobain and Nirvana, has one of the state's highest poverty rates. He was surprised by the dedication of his students, many of whom had difficult home lives. "I was the only art professor, which certainly isn't ideal. But these students produced amazing work."

Sandgren taught for 28 years before leaving Grays Harbor in 2017. Now retired and living in Portland, he still finds ways to share his love of the landscape with others.

Each year Sandgren hosts the Sandgren Coast Paint-Out, a longstanding tradition birthed from a yearly class his father taught, starting in 1978, in which a group of students traveled to the Oregon coast for a two-week painting intensive. When Nelson Sandgren retired in 1986, students and friends rallied to keep the event alive — they missed the camaraderie, the ocean air and the spirit of artistic collaboration.

The pilgrimage continues more than four decades later, now hosted by Erik. A paid workshop is followed by a free event, in which members, paying or not, can join for 10 days of outdoor painting.

"It's a very special environment," Sandgren says. "The workshop serves to keep it open for the rest of the painters. Not every good thing needs to cost money."

This year, the artists are collaborating with OSU's Marine Studies Initiative, a group of oceanographers who aim to "help sustain healthy oceans and ensure wellness, environmental health and economic prosperity for future generations" to bring publicity to their research.

"Research is good for everyone, but if the fishermen and public don't believe in it, it runs into adversaries that it doesn't need to have," Sandgren says.

The project represents a lifelong passion of Sandgren's: to examine our relationship with nature and the ways we shape our landscape as it shapes us. His exhibit at the Karin Clarke Gallery reminds the viewer of a living, breathing natural world, one of which we are an integral part. ■

Observed, Imagined and Remembered: the Northwest Landscape runs through Feb. 27 at Karin Clarke Gallery, 760 Willamette. Hours are noon to 5:30 pm Wednesday through Friday and 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, or by appointment. Masks required. Sandgren will present an artist talk at 11 am Feb. 5 on Facebook Live.

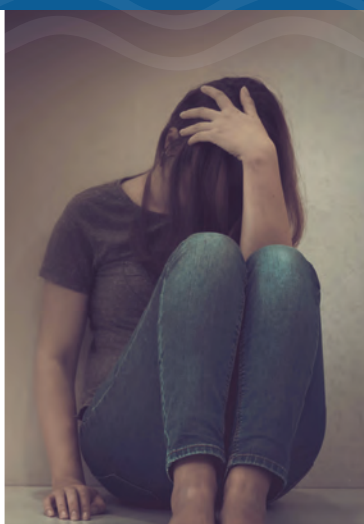
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4 One of the Three Musketeers
10 Consumer protection gp.
13 "___ Wiedersehen!"
14 Like the opening letter of each of the four longest answers
15 "Dog Barking at the Moon" artist Joan
16 Magazine whose website has a "Find a Therapist" feature
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21 How hair may stand
22 Maritime patrol org.
25 "The mind ___ own place ..." (John Milton)
26 Offer on eBay
28 Japanese grills

32 "Common" chapter of history
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37 Rank between marquiss and viscount
39 Bell or whistle?
40 "Peter Pan" henchman
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46 "How We Do" singer Rita
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49 British mil. decorations
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55 Filmmaker Ephron
58 Math conjecture regarding a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle
62 "I identify," in online

comments
63 Ear ailment
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65 "Bill ___ Saves the World"
66 Hastily arrive at, as a conclusion
67 Celebrity chef Martin

Down

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Herman Hesse's novel *Siddhartha* is a story about a spiritual seeker who goes in search of illumination. Near the end of the quest, when Siddhartha is purified and enlightened, he tells his friend, "I greatly needed sin, lust, vanity, the striving for goods and the most shameful despair, to learn how to love the world, to stop comparing the world with any world that I wish for, with any perfection that I think up; I learned to let the world be as it is, and to love it and to belong to it gladly." While I trust you won't overdo the sinful stuff in the coming months, Aries, I hope you will reach a conclusion like Siddhartha's. The astrological omens suggest that 2021 is the best year ever for you to learn how to love your life and the world just as they are.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Taurus physicist Richard Feynman said, "If we want to solve a problem we have never solved before, we must leave the door to the unknown ajar." That's always good advice, but it's especially apropos for you in the coming weeks. You are being given the interesting and fun opportunity to solve a problem you have never solved before! Be sure to leave the door to the unknown ajar. Clues and answers may come from unexpected sources.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): When we want to get a distinct look at a faint star, we must avert our eyes away from it just a little. If we look at it directly, it fades into invisibility. (There's a scientific explanation for this phenomenon, which I won't go into.) I propose that we make this your metaphor of power for the coming weeks. Proceed on the hypothesis that if you want to get glimpses of what's in the distance or in the future, don't gaze at it directly. Use the psychological version of your peripheral vision. And yes, now is a favorable time to seek those glimpses.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): If the apocalypse happens and you're the last human left on earth, don't worry about getting enough to eat. Just find an intact grocery store and make your new home there. It's stocked with enough non-perishable food to feed you for 55 years — or 63 years if you're willing to dine on pet food. I'M JOKING! JUST KIDDING! In fact, the apocalypse won't happen for another 503 million years. My purpose in imagining such a loopy scenario is to nudge you to dissolve your scarcity thinking. Here's the ironic fact of the matter for us Cancers: If we indulge in fearful fantasies about running out of stuff — money, resources, love or time — we undermine our efforts to have enough of what we need. The time is now right for you to stop worrying and instead take robust action to ensure you're well-supplied for a long time.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): "Judge a moth by the beauty of its candle," writes Coleman Barks in his rendering of a poem by Rumi. In accordance with astrological omens, I am invoking that thought as a useful metaphor for your life right now. How lovely and noble are the goals you're pursuing? How exalted and bighearted are the dreams you're focused on? If you find there are any less-than-beautiful aspects to your motivating symbols and ideals, now is a good time to make adjustments.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): I invite you to try the following experiment. Select two situations in your world that really need to be reinvented, and let every other glitch and annoyance just slide for now. Then meditate with tender ferocity on how best to get the transformations done. Summoning intense focus will generate what amounts to magic! PS: Maybe the desired reinventions would require other people to alter their behavior. But it's also possible that your own behavior may need altering.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Author Marguerite Duras wrote these words: "That she had so completely recovered her sanity was a source of sadness to her. One should never be cured of one's passion." I am spiritually allergic to that idea. It implies that our deepest passions are unavailable unless we're insane, or at least disturbed. But in the world I aspire to live in, the opposite is true: Our passions thrive if we're mentally healthy. We are best able to harness our most inspiring motivations if we're feeling poised and stable. So I'm here to urge you to reject Duras's perspective and embrace mine. The time has arrived for you to explore the mysteries of relaxing passion.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Author Karen Barad writes, "The past is never finished. It cannot be wrapped up like a package, or a scrapbook; we never leave it and it never leaves us behind." I agree. That's why I can't understand New Age teachers who advise us to "live in the now." That's impossible! We are always embedded in our histories. Everything we do is conditioned by our life story. I acknowledge that there's value in trying to see the world afresh in each new moment. I'm a hearty advocate of adopting a "beginner's mind." But to pretend we can completely shut off or escape the past is delusional and foolish. Thank you for listening to my rant, Scorpio. Now please spend quality time upgrading your love and appreciation for your own past. It's time to celebrate where you have come from — and meditate on how your history affects you who are now.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Luisah Teish is a writer and priestess in the Yoruban Lucumi tradition. She wrote a book called *Jump Up: Seasonal Celebrations from the World's Deep Traditions*. "Jump up" is a Caribbean phrase that refers to festive rituals and parties that feature "joyous music, laughter, food and dancing." According to my reading of the astrological omens, you're due for a phase infused with the "jump up" spirit. As Teish would say, it's a time for "jumping, jamming, swinging, hopping and kicking it." I realize that in order to do this, you will have to work around the very necessary limitations imposed on us all by the pandemic. Do the best you can. Maybe make it a virtual or fantasy jump up. Maybe dance alone in the dark.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): "Perhaps we should know better," wrote poet Tony Hoagland, "but we keep on looking, thinking and listening, hunting that singular book, theory, perception or tonality that will unlock and liberate us." It's my duty to report, Capricorn, that there will most likely be no such singular magnificence for you in 2021. However, I'm happy to tell you that an accumulation of smaller treasures could ultimately lead to a substantial unlocking and liberation. For that to happen, you must be alert for and appreciate the small treasures, and patiently gather them in. (PS: Author Rebecca Solnit says, "We devour heaven in bites too small to be measured." I say: The small bites of heaven you devour in the coming months will ultimately add up to being dramatically measurable.)

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Aquarian author Alice Walker writes, "In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful." In the coming weeks, I hope you'll adopt that way of thinking and apply it to every aspect of your perfectly imperfect body and mind and soul. I hope you'll give the same generous blessing to the rest of the world, as well. This attitude is always wise to cultivate, of course, but it will be especially transformative for you in the coming weeks. It's time to celebrate your gorgeous idiosyncrasies and eccentricities.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): "Though the bamboo forest is dense, water flows through it freely." I offer that Zen saying just in time for you to adopt it as your metaphor of power. No matter how thick and complicated and impassable the terrain might appear to be in the coming weeks, I swear you'll have a flair for finding a graceful path through it. All you have to do is imitate the consistency and flow of water.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brian J. Kirtley has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Richard Joe Kirtley, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 21PB00561. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: 02/04/21. **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:** Brian J. Kirtley, 56145 307th Lane, Cambridge, IA 50046. **ATTORNEY FOR PERS. REP.:** Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401

NOTICE OF LANDLORD'S LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE Appliance Empire, Inc. will sell to the highest bidder by public sale in front of the building at 1593 West 2nd Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97402, on February 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., the following described property owned or reputedly owned by NSW Enterprises, LLC, in order to satisfy a landlord's possessory lien pursuant to the provisions of ORS 87.162 in the amount of \$26,995.00 for unpaid rent and related charges at 1593 West 2nd Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97402, from NSW Enterprises, LLC to Appliance Empire, Inc. for the rent and related charges for the above described space for the period July through September 2020, and the period November 2020 through February 11, 2021: One Across International vacuum oven; Three Rotary Evaporators model #SE53; One PolyScience Pure Chill model #DTA1004B-P; One Buchi set Ch-9230 rotary evaporator; One US safety heavy duty gas cylinder cart; One Vacuumbrand MP 4 NT vacuum pump; One Summit Research Analog Heating Mantle; Two ACP-40 Adrienne by Pfeiffer vacuum pumps; One 20 liter rotary evaporator; 36-inch pipe 10 feet long; 36-inch pipe 45" bend, two of them 7-foot radius; Two step-ladders; Three chairs; One 8-foot ladder; One microwave; One HP copier; One HP laptop; Twelve 5-gallon glass bottles; Drum marked 710 spirits; One rigid vacuum; Miscellaneous shovels, brooms, mops and a squeeze bucket; 215 jars of miscellaneous CBD product; 39 plastic jars marked BPC 1400; Four yellow totes with lids; Crate with hoses in it; Honeywell air filter; Box of clear strips for curtain plus

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA, JUSTIN BRADLEY DAVIS, Petitioner, vs. DANNA LEE OLSON, Respondent. CASE NO. CV01-20-19281 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: DANNA LEE OLSON You have been sued by Justin Bradley Davis, the Petitioner in the District Court in and for Ada County, Idaho, Case No. CV01-20-19281. The nature of the claim against you is for Divorce. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702, physical address (200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho) and telephone number of the district court clerk) (208)287-6900 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: Jennifer M.

Schindele, P.O. Box 827, Boise, Idaho 83701. A copy of the Summons and Petition for Divorce can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or Bevis, Thiry & Schindele, P.A. at 208-345-1040. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Date:12/31/2020, Ada County District Court: /s/Phil McGrane. Typed/printed name: Kristi Weekley, By: /s/Kristi Weekley, Deputy Clerk. JENNIFER M. SCHINDELE ISB #6811, BEVIS, THIRY & SCHINDELE, P.A., 412 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Ste. 211, P.O. Box 827 Boise, Idaho, 83701-0827, Telephone: (208) 345-1040, Facsimile: (208) 345-0365, E-serve: admin@bevislaw.com ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER.

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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE GAIL HEIDE. LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20PB08854. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jessica DeMoss, Oregon Community Credit Union, has been appointed Personal

the top rail; Boxes of 500 test tubes; One bottle of heat transfer fluid; Three 5-gallon bottles of water; One bottle of acetone; Two small heaters; One Frigidaire dishwasher; Six orange buckets; Two blue plastic containers; Three bookshelves; Three roller totes; Bessie clamps clapping device with filters; Three miscellaneous garbage cans; Miscellaneous extension cords; Miscellaneous bathroom and cleaning supplies; Miscellaneous ball jars and lids; Miscellaneous tools; Miscellaneous office supplies; Miscellaneous 5-gallon buckets; Miscellaneous gloves; Two roller tables stainless steel; Four stainless steel tables; Miscellaneous laboratory glass supplies beakers and containers; Drum caddy; One roof cap for a fan; Miscellaneous pans; Five gallons of ethanol; Box of syringes slip tip; Miscellaneous hoses; One flatscreen television; Miscellaneous manuals; One electric motor; Six clipboards; Two jackets; One bike rack in a box; Safety data sheet binder; Five 5000 mL jars; Nine floor mats; Three hand pumps; and Miscellaneous gallons of different chemicals. Dated this 7th day of January, 2021. /s/ Joel "Rico" Kreindel, President. Appliance Empire, Inc.

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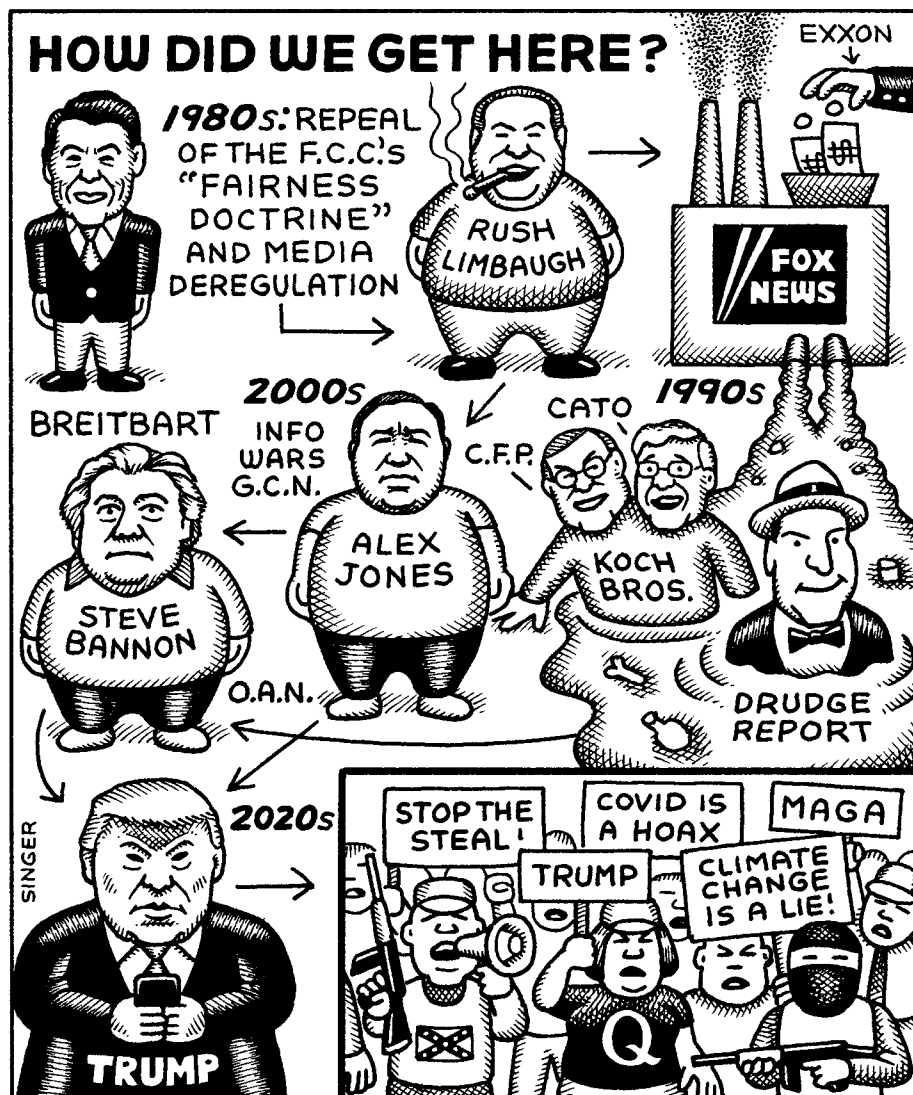
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NOTICE OF SEIZURE FOR FORFEITURE
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL CLAIMANT(S) AND TO ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY These judgements will vest all rights, title and interest in property to The City of Eugene. Said property is described below. Those who believe they may have a valid ownership interest or security interest may contact the seizing agency. You must "claim" an interest in the below described seized property or you will automatically lose an interest you may have. To claim you must contact the seizing agency listed below and file a legal paper called a "claim". The claim must be given to the agency contact within 21 days of the last publication of this notice. The claim must include: 1) your true name 2) your current and future mailing address 3) a statement that the claimant has an interest in the seized property. The claim must be in the proper form and be signed by you on oath under penalty of perjury. To file a claim or for more information: Lisa Magnus, City of Eugene Police Department

300 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR 97401 (541)682-2804 Seizing Agency: Eugene Police Department 300 Country Club Road, Eugene, OR 97401 (541)682-5131 Summary Statement of Facts: Case No. EPD 21-01059 On or about 01/20/21; approximately \$11,100.00 in US Currency was seized for criminal forfeiture by the Eugene Police Department from Christopher William Gress. The property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to ORS 131.500-131.600 as proceeds and/or instrumentalities used in the following prohibited conduct and/or the conspiracy to commit the following prohibited conduct: Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine. Forfeiture means that the property will be transferred to the government and persons with any interest in the property will be deprived of that interest without compensation due to the use or acquisition of the property in or through the state prohibited conduct (ORS).

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Quickies
BY DAN SAVAGE



I'm a 30-year-old straight woman in a three-year relationship with my live-in partner, who is also 30. I love him and he loves me and he wants to make a life with me. However, in this pandemic, the stress is so great that I have lost all desire to have sex. I don't want anyone touching me right now, not even myself. I feel like I'm in survival mode. I lost the career I love and I'm working four different jobs to make up for it. I have also been coming to terms in therapy with a sexual trauma I suffered, which is making me want to be touched even less. He's been extremely patient, and says that we can work through it, but I'm really worried that this is the death knell for our relationship. I'm really trying to figure out ways to get myself back in good working order, Dan, but honestly, I'm just trying to survive everyday right now. Help?

— Witty Acronym Here

First, you're not alone. So many people have seen their libidos tank in response to the overlapping stresses of lockdowns and job losses that sex researcher are talking about (and documenting) a "pandemic sex recession."

So what can you do?

You have a long, hard slog in front of you, personally and professionally, and you need to carve out enough time and space for yourself to get through this. And to do that you're not just gonna need to reset your partner's expectations for the duration of the pandemic and/or until you're back on your feet again professionally and emotionally. You're going to need to take his yes for an answer. If he tells you he's willing to tough/rub it out until you're less stressed out, less overworked and less overwhelmed, and he's not being passive aggressive about your lack of desire, then you should take him at his word. If he's not trying to make you feel bad about the sex you aren't having right now, WAH, don't make yourself feel bad about it.

There's no guarantee your relationship will survive this (the pandemic), that (your crushing workload) or the other thing (the trauma you're working through in therapy). Any one of those things or some other thing could wind up being the death knell for your relationship. But the only way to find out if your desire for your partner will kick back into gear post-pandemic, post-career-crisis, and post-coming-to-terms-with-past-sexual-trauma is to hang in there, WAH, and reassess once your past those posts. Will you two still be together once you're out of survival mode? Survive and find out. Good luck.

I'm a 34-year-old straight woman dating a 32-year-old straight man. When we first met, we had both recently relocated to our hometown and were living with our parents. When we first started dating, things were great. However, the sex wasn't mind-blowing. Foreplay was limited and he always jumped out of bed afterward. I thought this was probably due to the fact that while we had privacy, we were having sex at my parent's house which isn't particularly sexy. We finally moved in together nine months ago and now it feels like we've been married for decades. He almost always turns my sexual advances down. And when we do have sex, it lasts about five minutes and I do all of the work and get ZERO satisfaction out of it. He will hold my hand on the couch but if I ask him to cuddle he acts like I am asking for a huge favor. I've explained to him I need to feel wanted and to have some kind of intimacy in this relationship. And yet, despite the multiple conversations about how sexually, physically and emotionally unsatisfied I am, he has put in little effort. Otherwise, our relationship is great. We have fun together, I love him, I want to be with him, and we've talked about marriage and kids, but I also can't live this way for the rest of my life. What can I expect from a man who is emotionally and physically unavailable?

— Intimate Needs That Involve Making A Team Effort

A lifetime of frustration.

You wanna make the sex and physical intimacy work because so much else is working — it sounds like pretty much everything else is working — but you can't make the sex and intimacy work if he's not willing to work on it. And even if he was willing to work on it, INTIMATE, even if he was willing to make an effort sexually, there's no guarantee that working on it will actually work. Some couples work on this shit for decades and get nowhere. Opening the relationship up might make it possible for you to have him and sexual satisfaction too — by getting sexual satisfaction elsewhere — but opening up a relationship also requires effort, INTIMATE, and effort clearly isn't his thing. DTMFA.

My fiancé and I (both male) have been together for six years. I am fully out, but he is only out to his close friends and his mom. The rest of his family doesn't know. His co-workers don't know. I've met his family and co-workers who don't know and played the "friend" and "roommate," and it kills me but he still won't budge. It's also not like homosexuality is taboo in his family. He has a gay uncle and his uncle and his partner are invited to family holidays and welcomed with open arms. Is it even worth continuing this relationship?

— Feeling Insecure About Needlessly Closeted Engagement

Your fiancé has to choose: he can have you or he can have his closet but he can't have both. It's not about telling him what to do, FIANCE, it's about setting boundaries around what you're willing to do. And for the last six years you let him drag you back into the closet — you were willing to pretend to be his friend or his roommate — but you're not willing to do that anymore. If he wants to have a life with you, he can choose to come out. If he's not willing to come out, he'll have to learn to live without you.

I wanted to say something about WEASS, the man with the HIV-positive boyfriend who was reluctant to disclose his status to a new sex partner. As someone who's been HIV-positive and undetectable for almost 18 years, Dan, I've gone through a few different iterations of dealing with (or not) and disclosing my status (or not). But starting about 10 years ago it just seemed easier on my conscience to disclose my +/U status to my partners — that is, HIV-positive but undetectable and therefore not capable of infecting anyone. Even after nearly a decade of PrEP and decades of HIV education, my status still generates negative reactions ranging from guys declaring me "not clean" to guys accusing me of trying to spread the virus (which I literally can't do) to guys rebuffing me in kinder ways. Even people on PrEP have gone from DTF to "no thanks" when I've disclosed. So based on my experiences, Dan, I don't think that every potential hookup out there would react in an informed and rational way, not even guys on PrEP.

— Undetectable Poz Fellow Relieved Over Not Telling Any Lies

The man WEASS and his HIV-positive boyfriend were thinking about having a threesome might react negatively to the disclosure — that's why I advised WEASS to sound this guy out before looping his BF into the conversation. If the guy reacts badly, WEASS can spare his boyfriend the grief. But if the guy reacts like an informed and rational gay grownup, UPFRONTAL, then WEASS should loop his boyfriend in.

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